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SUBJECT: AUGUST 26 REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

1. WE LEFT PEKING ON SCHEDULE. ON THE WAY TO THE AIRPORT HUANG HUA INDICATED THAT THEY WERE VERY PLEASED WITH THE VISIT. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF MY DISCUSSIONS WITH TENG HSIAO-PING AND CHAIRMAN HUA. HE NOTED THAT I HAD NOW BEEN TWICE TO CHINA AND UNDERSTOOD THEIR STYLE, AND THAT THIS WAS GOOD. WE TALKED ABOUT A NUMBER OF OTHER MATTERS VARYING FROM OFF-SHORE DRILLING TO THEIR ENERGY PROGRAMS, TO VARIOUS DOMESTIC MATTERS, ABOUT WHICH I WILL REPORT TO YOU LATER.

2. SOON AFTER MY ARRIVAL IN TOKYO, I MET WITH PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA FOR ABOUT 2 HOURS, THE LAST 40 MINUTES OF WHICH WE WERE ALONE. HE FIRST GAVE ME A FULL ACCOUNTING OF HIS TRIP TO SOUTHEAST ASIA AND HIS MEETING WITH THE ASEAN LEADERS. HE IS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS FIRST SUCCESSFUL TRIP

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OF A JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER TO THAT PART OF THE WORLD. I TOLD HIM THAT YOU WERE PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH AND ADMIRE THE INITIATIVE AND LEADERSHIP HE HAD SHOWN IN THIS EFFORT. HE BEAMED.

3. I ALSO GAVE HIM A GENERAL BRIEFING ON THE CHINA DISCUSSIONS. WHEN WE WERE ALONE, I WENT INTO A BIT MORE

DETAIL ON ONE OR TWO KEY POINTS. I ALSO RAISED WITH HIM THE ISSUE OF TOKAI AND SAID THAT, AS HE KNEW, GERRY SMITH WOULD BE COMING OVER TO DISCUSS A POSSIBLE SOLUTION NEXT WEEK. HE ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT THIS WAS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE TO HIM AND HE HOPED THAT BY COMMUNICATION WITH YOU HE MIGHT REACH A SOLUTION EVEN BEFORE HE SAW GERRY. HE SAID THAT THE MATTER WAS THE MOST SENSITIVE QUESTION HIS GOVERNMENT FACED. I INDICATED THAT WE ARE SENSITIVE TO THIS PROBLEM AND WISHED TO FIND A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION. I ALSO MENTIONED THE IMPORTANCE OF BOB STRAUSS' MISSION AND SAID THAT I HOPED THAT THEY WOULD RESPOND ACCORDINGLY. HE ALSO DISCUSSED BRIEFLY THE ILO MATTER, CIVIL AVIATION AND ECONOMIC STIMULATION. ON THE LATTER POINT, HE SAID THAT IT APPEARS THAT THEY ARE GOING TO MISS THEIR 6.7 PERCENT REAL GROWTH TARGET, AND THAT HE HAD GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS TO ANNOUNCE A PROGRAM BEFORE THE END OF THE MONTH IN WHICH THEY WOULD GO IN FOR A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET WHICH HE EXPECTED WOULD PRODUCE THE NECESSARY STIMULATION TO MEET THE GROWTH TARGET OF 6.7 TO BEGIN TO CORRECT THE CURRENT ACCOUNT IMBALANCE. I TOLD HIM THAT YOU WOULD BE VERY PLEASED TO LEARN OF THIS ACTION. HE FURTHER SAID THAT HE WAS WELL AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THE STRAUSS MISSION AND WOULD INSTRUCT HIS COLLEAGUES TO ACT ACCORDINGLY. HE EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR OUR CONSULTATIONS AND FOR THE CLOSE COMMUNICATIONS WHICH WERE BEING MAINTAINED BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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4. THIS EVENING AT DINNER, I TALKED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER ABOUT THE US/UK RHODESIAN INITIATIVE, AS WELL AS OUR HOPES AND PLANS FOR A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT. HE INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD BE HAPPY TO WORK WITH US IN SUPPORTING THESE INITIATIVES IN THE UN, OR ELSEWHERE. IN SHORT, THE JAPANESE HAVE BEEN VERY COOPERATIVE. I WILL BE CONTINUING MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE MORNING BEFORE TAKING OFF FOR WASHINGTON.

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